



## Gold Wing Road Riders Association “Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge”

November 2015

**B-3 BUZZ**

**OH-B3**

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B3 Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month (No gathering in September or December) at 9:00 am. Join us at 8:30 am for light refreshments and Coffee at the Village of Obetz Community Center, 1650 Obetz Avenue, Obetz, OH 43207

### **B3 Couple of the Year:**

**Gary and Karen Ballou**

### **B3 Individual of the Year:**

**Gladys Carter**

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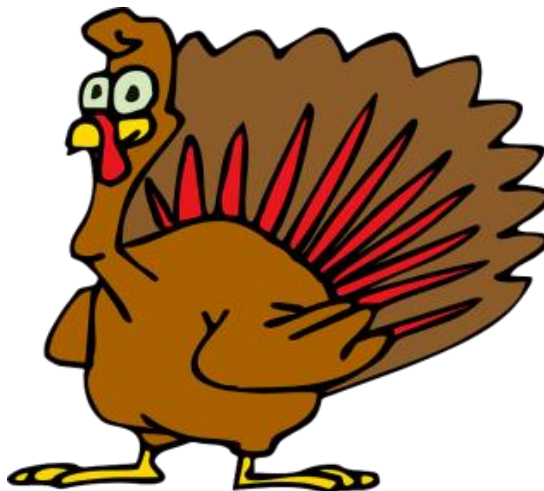
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### Items in History in the month of November:

- 1 – End of Day Light Savings Time (Set clocks back one hour)
- 3 – Election Day
- 10 – Establishment of U S Marine Corps, 1775
- 11 – Signing of World War I Armistice, 1918
- 11 – Veterans Day (US)
- 11 --Remembrance Day (CA)
- 13 – Vietnam Veterans Memorial dedicated, 1982
- 21 – End of Grenada Campaign, 1983
- 26 – Thanksgiving (US)

New Address for Jim and Alice Bontrager, 185 Golf Ciew Drive, Auburndale, FL, 33823



**Jim and Alice Bontrager**  
**Chapter Director**

Jim and Alice have departed for Florida for their first season of “snow birding”. Before leaving they asked that I pass along a “Happy Thanksgiving to all and we will see you at the Christmas party.”



Jim and Alice Bontrager.

**Margaret A. Moore**  
**Assistant Chapter Director**

Where Has All The Fun Gone?

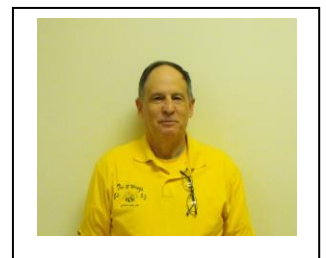
Over the past few months I have noticed that we have fewer Bees participating in the events scheduled for Chapter Bee-3. So I began to wonder why: We don't seem to have FUN anymore. Maybe it's the demands of family, or illnesses with some of our Bees, or maybe we didn't have enough activities scheduled to keep our Bees returning. I know the summer had some bad weather, events were canceled and some of our Bees made some long flights out of the area and weren't available to participate. So we as Bees need to figure out how to bring back the FUN. Our 2016 DRAFT ride schedule has been prepared for submission to the Ohio District, but we can add events, so please, if you have something in mind, bring it up to one of your staff Bees. We need FUN. Remember GWRRA's motto is “Friends for FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE”. This is just my observation and I hope we can bring back the fun we used to have in the chapter when John and I first joined back in 2004. GWRRA is a big family and we need all our Bees to keep the family atmosphere going so that we have FUN, FUN, and FUN! Have a good month and join us at all the events you can attend. Don't forget the Bees Christmas Luncheon on December 5<sup>th</sup>. **Happy Thanksgiving all.**



Margaret A. Moore

**Tom Eden**  
**Assistant Chapter Director**

I hope everyone had a happy Halloween. Here it is November bringing with it the holiday seasons. The chapter Holiday party will be at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, Ohio on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Reservations must be made and paid for at the November Gathering, cost is \$17.00 per person. There will be a gift exchange, see Esther Ford's article for more information. I hope to see you there.



If you have pictures, please get them to Sue Gundy. If you have questions about format, please contact Sue.

At the November Gathering we will be taking up a cash collection for donation to a local community food pantry.  
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Please get your end of season mileage to Jim so that he can compile chapter miles and determine highest mileage riders. If you can, please give him an estimate of your miles for the year. He will use this to verify the miles computed by the mileage program.

Beginning in January and continuing until July we will have a container on the back table that will be used to collect a chapter donation for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Ride for Kids.

Tom Eden

## **COUPLE OF THE YEAR 2015**

**Gary and Karen Ballou**



### ***TO BE THANKFUL***

In this month of November, thinking of all the things for which we are thankful for moves to the front of our minds. We are thankful for our health, our families, our friends, our work or career, our retirement, our homes.

So what else might Gold Wings be thankful for?

**T** -cloc routine  
**H** eated gear for frosty mornings  
**A** nother day to ride the bike  
**N** o rain  
**K** ick stands  
**S** afety First!  
**G** et together  
**I** ce cream rides  
**W** ing Dings (poetic license taken)  
**I** ce cream rides, again (Who doesn't like a second helping?)  
**N** ew friends  
**G** reat Times !!!!



All joking aside, everyone should take just a moment every day to reflect on what they have to be grateful for. Sometimes we only stop to appreciate our lives during the holiday season or special occasions. Appreciation should be an everyday task, but sometimes life gets going fast and we miss the opportunity.

Gary and I wish everyone a safe and pleasant Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

## INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR 2015



Gladys Carter

## MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM



## CHANGING OF THE GUARD

It's about the time of the year when many Chapter officers and team members begin to think about whether they want to serve another year, since appointments could be calendar year based. The only officers the Chapter Director appoints are the Assistant Chapter Director and Treasurer, both with the concurrence of the District officer. The Chapter Educator and Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinator are appointed by the District officer with the concurrence of the Chapter Director. As often times, everyone assumes that "ALL" Chapter positions change when the Chapter Director changes, which they don't. If a change is needed in one of these offices, one can be made after appropriate discussions between the Chapter Director and the District officer. It would be expected that all other Chapter team members (not officers) would offer to resign or be accepted by the new Chapter Director.

The Chapter Director should evaluate all of the Chapter participants, looking to see who would be the best choice to help the Chapter grow and flourish. It is better to leave a position unfilled rather than rush to and potentially fill it with the "WRONG" choice. To insure a smooth transition, previous Team Members should agree to function with the new Chapter Director for the period of time it takes to re-team. If previous Team Members want to hold the same positions, the new Chapter Director must confirm this and agree to a new term of service. Once again making sure they will help the Chapter to grow and flourish. Once again....

**THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE BETTER IT GETS!!!!!!**

Mary Bayes



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYER.....

Gladys Carter- Health problems and possible surgery..

Ed Richards-Health problems.....

If I have missed someone, please let me know.....

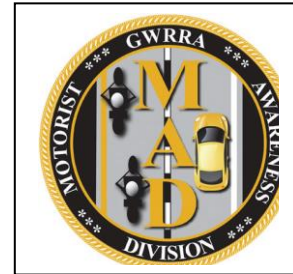
**HOPING THAT EVERYONE HAS A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.....**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS!!! RENEW AND STAY ACTIVE**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP CHECKING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE RENEWED.....**

**ALWAYS HAVE A MEMBERSHIP KIT IN EVERY BIKE AND VEHICLE THAT YOU DRIVE.....YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY COMES TO MEET SOMEONE THAT WANTS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GWRA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## MOTORIST AWARENESS DIVISION



"With Great Power, Comes Great Responsibility"

Whether you drive a car, truck, bus, minivan, SUV, or ride a motorcycle – you have great power.

- You have the power to help you and your family get home safely
- You have the power to help me and my family get home safely
- You have the power to allow, cause, or prevent great damage, injury, suffering, and even death on our roads

With this power comes the responsibility to use it wisely and with due caution. When a crash happens, many times we hear the phrase “I didn’t mean to.” We have to ask ourselves honestly what the difference is between “I didn’t mean to” and “I meant NOT to.”

‘Meaning NOT to’ says that the driver (or rider) took action and precautions to be prepared for something to go wrong and allowed enough time, space, and attention to be able to prevent a crash. THAT is taking responsibility. Here are just a few examples of things we see every day in traffic that show this responsibility:

- Keeping at least a 2-3 second following distance.
- Letting another driver into the traffic flow (courtesy).

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- Keeping eyes on the road (and not on a phone, book, laptop, passengers, the radio, etc.).
- Coming to a full stop at a stop light or before making that right turn on red.
- When the light turns green, waiting for the car in front to go BEFORE taking a foot off the brake.
- Stopping for pedestrians and bicycles
- Slowing down in school zones
- Ensuring everyone in the car is buckled up (or wearing good riding gear on the motorcycle)

On the other hand, we also see many examples of drivers and riders who have the power, but do not exercise responsibility. Here are just a few examples where the driver or rider may have forgotten that they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their passengers, and the other road users:

- Aggressive driving
- Tailgating
- Driving while distracted
- 'Rushing' – this does not mean just speeding, it means being more focused on getting somewhere quickly than getting there safely
- Drinking and driving/riding

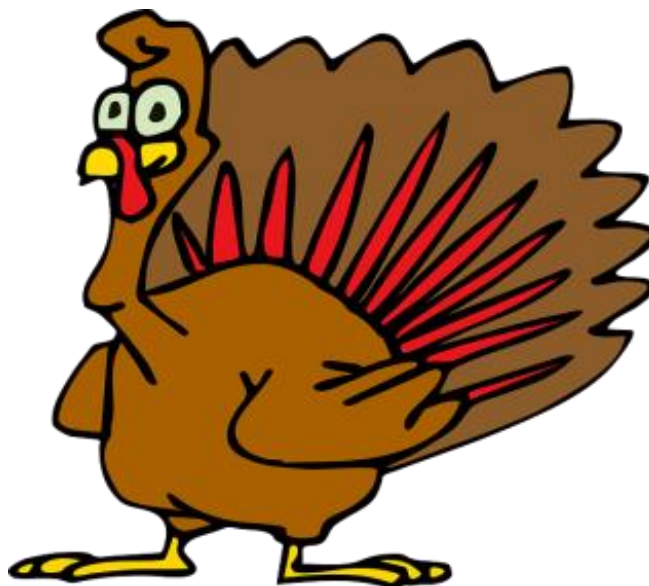
The holidays are coming up, and we find ourselves thinking about our family. We want them all to be safe and sound this holiday season.

Let's all do our part – in cars, and on bikes – to be responsible for each other. The promise of freedom brings with it the burden of responsibility.

Have a safe, fun and thankful holiday season.

Adapted from article by Stacey Axmaker, Motorcycle Riders Association

Karen Ballou



## RIDER EDUCATION



### Rider Ed – November 2015

#### When Bad Things Happen to Good People

I had a topic in mind for November and intended to write it up yesterday & actually get it to Tom on time for a change. Until I got the phone call at 10am.

A young man named Mike Tung, who I had the pleasure to mentor during his teen years, died following a motorcycle crash the day before. As I write this on October 21, we do not know of the many circumstances and an investigation is proceeding.

What we do know: The accident occurred around 3pm. He was travelling eastbound on a two-lane road, through a gentle right-left s-curve, on a section of road with moderate residential traffic. The road was dry. I know this section of road and can say that there is some gravel on the shoulder. He went off the right side of the roadway & overturned. He was wearing a helmet.

We may never know all of the links in the chain that caused this tragedy.

We do not know, and may never know, if there was another vehicle or creature involved. An oncoming distracted driver with the sun in their eyes, veering left of center? Swerving to miss an object or an animal in the road? I admit that would be pure speculation on my part, but that is my first reaction only because this was not a reckless kid and this was a 250cc bike not a crotch rocket. But I also have to remember that we all thought we were somewhere between bulletproof and immortal when we were that young. It could have just as easily been a combination going too fast in a curve and not having enough experience to make the correction.

All I do know for sure is that my world has lost the presence of a terrific, polite young man with a quick smile for everyone he met.

Let's all remember that the hobby we love has inherent dangers that can strike us suddenly and with little or no warning. Keeping our skills sharp, riding defensively, wearing proper protective clothing, and keeping our wits about us can mitigate some of the risk..but never all of it.

As many of you know, I use a tagline at the bottom of my emails. It seems appropriate to share it here:

“Treat every day as if it were your last. Someday, it will be.”

Gary Ballou

Have fun, but be safe. *“Dress for the Slide, Not for the Ride”*

**Wear your helmet every time you ride.**



### Chapter statistics for the month of July 2015

Current First Aid/CPR – 22  
Current Road Captains – 17

Current in Level I – 14  
Current in Level II - 0  
Current in Level III - 7  
Current in Level IV - 12

### **October Attendance**

- 3 – Gathering,
- 3 – Chapter Fun day,
- 10 – Saturday Ride -12 members rode to Bainbridge, Ohio, had lunch at Doc's in Bainbridge, shopped at JR's General Store and had Ice Cream at Tony's Cones on the way home.
- 13 - Ride to Logan's Restaurant on Route 256, 9 members
- 15 - Get together, Obetz Community Center, 14 members
- 17 - Ride planning and scheduling, 8 members
- 28 - Ice cream ride to Tony's Coney's Route 62
- 30 - Obetz Community Halloween Party,

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

**Tom Eden**

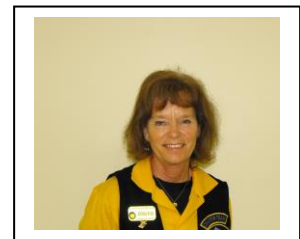
If you have an article that you would like to have included here, send it to the Newsletter Editor, Tom Eden, at [traveler1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:traveler1@columbus.rr.com). Articles could be about a ride you went on, an event you attended, or something you purchased for your bike that you think is really great, or anything you feel would be of interest to your fellow members. We sincerely welcome contributions from our members. For Sale ads, by GWRRA Members only, are also welcome for submission. Deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.



### **Special Activities Coordinator**

Thanks to everyone who came out to help with the Halloween Party. Judy and the Obetz community appreciate all the help provided by volunteers from B-3.

Ladies lunch will be at the new Marie Scramblers located at 1219 Hill Road N, Pickerington, on November 10 at 12:30pm.



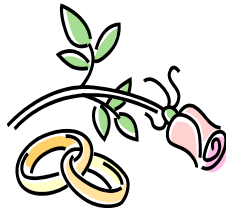
Please remember the Christmas Party, we need door prizes. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, guys bring a gift for guys; girls bring a gift for the girls. Cost should be around \$10.

Esther Ford



### Birthdays

November 6 – Alice Bontrager



### Anniversaries

None

*Give Connie Ratliff, 740-503-7870 or Tom Eden, 614-497-8621 a call if any get well or sympathy cards need to be sent.*

### [Up Coming Activities](#)

#### **Greeter for November Ben and Mary Bayes**

*For a complete ride schedule see the chapter web site <http://www.gwrraohb3.org>*

This is your chapter. The events scheduled are not just for the officers. One of the goals of GWRRA is FUN. It isn't as much fun without you there. The tentative schedule for 2016 has been planned but there is space for more. There were only 8 people at the planning meeting Saturday. There are some FUN and Exciting activities scheduled. Please be a part of your chapter.

If you have ideas for rides/activities let Tom Eden know, as the calendar has not been published.

#### **November 2015**

5 – 7:00 pm, Dinner Ride, Culvers on Route 256, meet there.

7 - Gathering, 9:00 am, Obetz Community Center, Greeters – Ben and Mary Bayes

10 - 7:00 pm, Dinner Ride, Smokey Bones, 1615 Stringtown Road, Grove City, meet there

12 - Ladies Lunch, Scramblers, 1218 Hill Road Plaza on Route 256

14 - Visitation ride to chapter H3 in Proctorville, Ohio. Meet at Lowes, route 23 south.

14 - Ohio District Officer's meeting, Floral Valley, 850 Crestrose Drive, Howard, OH.

19 - 7:00 pm get together, Obetz Community Center

29 - Visitation ride to Chapter X, Hocking Tech Campus in Nelsonville, OH and Lunch following at the Boot Café, Nelsonville, OH. Meet at Frisch's, S. Hamilton Road at 12:00 pm

#### **December 2015**

There is no Gathering in December

5 -1:00 pm, annual Chapter Christmas Party, Der Dutchman Restaurant, Plain City

10 - 12:00 pm Ladies Lunch, Location to be determined

12 - Obetz Christmas Kickoff, Time and location to be determined

17 - 7:00 pm get together, dessert ride to Bill and Esther Ford's home, 331 Cottage Grove Cr. Pataskala, Ohio



Here is a link to the Ohio District web site where you will find a link to their latest newsletter.

<http://www.ohiogwrra.org>

Here is a link to the Region D web site where you will find a link to their latest newsletter:

<http://www.gwrra-regiond.org>

#### SOUTHEAST SECTION CHAPTER MEETING PLACES AND TIMES

Chapters	Location	When	Meeting Time
<b>A3</b>	Marietta, Ohio gathers at Shoney's Restaurant, 44 Acme St., Marietta, Ohio. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. gathering follows. Chapter web site <a href="https://ohioa3.shutterfly.com">https://ohioa3.shutterfly.com</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	7:00 p.m.
<b>B-3</b>	Obetz, Ohio gathers at Obetz Comm. Center, 1650 Obetz Avenue, Obetz, Ohio. Light refreshments at 8:30 a.m., gathering follows. Chapter web site <a href="http://www.gwrraohb3.org">http://www.gwrraohb3.org</a>	1st Saturday (except Jul & Dec)	9:00 a.m.
<b>F-3</b>	Lancaster, Ohio, gathers at Deb's Corner Cafe. Located on the corner of Broad St. and 6th. Ave. in Lancaster, Ohio Dinner at 6:00 p.m., gathering follows. Chapter web site <a href="http://www.ohf3.com">http://www.ohf3.com</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
<b>H-3</b>	Proctorville, Ohio gathers at Giovanni's Pizza, 614 Park Ave. Ironton, OH Dinner at 6:00 p.m., gathering follows.	2nd Saturday	7:00 p.m.
<b>O</b>	Newark, Ohio, gathers at Stacy's Buffet, 833 S. 30 <sup>th</sup> St., Heath, Ohio. Dinner at 6 p.m., gathering follows. <a href="http://www.ohiogwrra.org/chap/O/latest.pdf">http://www.ohiogwrra.org/chap/O/latest.pdf</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
<b>Q-2</b>	Circleville, Ohio, gathers at Huffman Homestead, 6906 Old Tarlton Place, Circleville, Ohio. Chapter web site <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/gwrraq2/home">https://sites.google.com/site/gwrraq2/home</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 p.m.
<b>X</b>	Hocking Hills, Ohio gathers at Davidson Hall, Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio.	Last Sunday	1:30 p.m.

At the time this newsletter was drafted, the Region D traveling Plaque was at Chapter MI-S2, Motor City Wings, Detroit, MI.; and the Ohio District Traveling Plaque was at Chapter H2 in Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

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